47. SCM Sugars Ltd., Koppa, Maddur, Mandya.

48. M/s Bhavani Khandsari Sugars Ltd., Baroor, Distt. Bidar

49. M/s Gokak Power & Distilleries Ltd., Hemashyal P.G. Gokak, Belgaum.

50. M/s Bilagi Sugar Mills Ltd., Badagandi, Bilagi Bagalkot.

51. M/s Shri Someshwar SSK N. Siddasamudra, Belawadi, Tal. Bailhongal, Distt. Belgaum.

52. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Havalga, Tk. Afzalpur, Distt. Gulbarga

53. Badami Sugars Ltd., At & P.O. Badami, Distt. Bagalkot.

54. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Buralatti, Tk. Athani, Distt. Belgaum.

55. Vishwanath Sugars Ltd., (*) Belladabagevadi.

(*) This sugar mill is yet to be allotted a Code Number by the Directorate of Sugar).

Shortcoming in PDS

†47. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several shortcomings primarily in the present public distribution system of the country;

(b) if so, the shortcomings thereof;

(c) whether consideration is being made on the proposal to put in place any alternative system by Government to remove these shortcomings; and

(d) if so, the outline of such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Targeted Public Distribution System was evaluated by Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission (PEO) and ORG Marg, New Delhi.

Their reports received in March, 2005 and September, 2005 reported that there were diversion/leakages of foodgrains, inclusion and exclusion errors in identifying targeted beneficiaries and operation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) was not financially viable.

To overcome these shortcomings, a nine-point action plan was finalized during 2006, which is under implementation by States/UT Governments.

Additionally, a revised Citizens' Charter has been issued for adoption and implementation by State/UT Governments for facilitating use by citizens of provisions of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in relation to functioning of TPDS.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Government has not decided to put in place any alternative system to TPDS.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi